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SURVEY ON TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIVERSITIES)
END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces statistical data on Tertiary Education (Universities) for the end of academic year 2017/2018. On the basis of available survey data:

- The number of **enrolled undergraduate students** in all universities in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 4.1% in comparison to 2016/2017 (from 409,413 to 426,058) (Table 1).
- **Teaching staff** in all universities in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 7.8% in comparison to 2016/2017. However, the University of Patras and the International Hellenic University recorded a decrease of 0.4% and 10.3% respectively (Table 2).
- The number of **graduates from undergraduate programmes** in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 0.1% in comparison to 2016/2017. The highest increase in absolute values was observed at the Hellenic Open University (from 1,513 to 1,744) and the University of Thessaly (from 1,343 to 1,565), while the highest decrease was observed at Panteion University (from 1,446 to 1,173) and the University of Athens (from 5,487 to 5,308) (Table 3).
- **Enrolled postgraduate students** in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 7.6% in comparison to 2016/2017. The highest increase in absolute values was observed at the Hellenic Open University (from 20,120 to 23,804) and the University of Macedonia (from 2,244 to 2,872). On the contrary, the highest decrease was observed at the University of Peloponnese (from 2,054 to 1,504) and the National Technical University of Athens (from 1,656 to 1,329) (Table 4).
- **Postgraduate students that graduated** in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 20.1% in comparison to 2016/2017 apart from the University of Western Macedonia, Panteion University, Harokopio University, National Technical University of Athens and University of Patras where there was a decrease of 29.9%, 21.9%, 10.1%, 7.7% and 5.8% respectively (Table 5).
- **Enrolled doctorate students** in the academic year 2017/2018 increased by 7.6% in comparison to 2016/2017 (Table 6).
- **Doctoral students that graduated** in the academic year 2017/2018 decreased by 17.0% in comparison to 2016/2017 (Table 7).

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Table 1. Enrolled undergraduate students, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	409,413	426,058	4.1	198,617	206,093	3.8	210,796	219,965	4.3
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	88,302	89,138	0.9	37,673	38,172	1.3	50,629	50,966	0.7
University of the Aegean	14,457	15,632	8.1	6,588	7,000	6.3	7,869	8,632	9.7
University of Thessaly	13,074	13,854	6.0	6,553	6,861	4.7	6,521	6,993	7.2
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	68,965	72,737	5.5	32,652	34,133	4.5	36,313	38,604	6.3
Democritus University of Thrace	21,878	23,393	6.9	10,315	10,921	5.9	11,563	12,472	7.9
Ionian University	4,801	4,978	3.7	1,977	2,126	7.5	2,824	2,852	1.0
University of Ioannina	18,590	19,852	6.8	8,305	8,631	3.9	10,285	11,221	9.1
University of Crete	17,200	18,975	10.3	6,766	7,452	10.1	10,434	11,523	10.4
University of Patras	30,274	32,510	7.4	16,432	17,681	7.6	13,842	14,829	7.1
Athens University of Economics and Business	20,609	21,408	3.9	12,893	13,382	3.8	7,716	8,026	4.0
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	19,336	18,619	-3.7	7,407	6,730	-9.1	11,929	11,889	-0.3
University of Piraeus	21,823	23,208	6.3	13,661	14,392	5.4	8,162	8,816	8.0
University of Macedonia	15,280	16,121	5.5	8,356	8,837	5.8	6,924	7,284	5.2
Agricultural University of Athens	6,065	6,342	4.6	3,367	3,470	3.1	2,698	2,872	6.4
Athens School of Fine Arts	1,783	1,852	3.9	575	611	6.3	1,208	1,241	2.7
Harokopio University	2,333	2,472	6.0	1,117	1,210	8.3	1,216	1,262	3.8
University of Peloponnese	6,397	6,501	1.6	2,787	2,857	2.5	3,610	3,644	0.9
University of Western Macedonia	2,583	3,135	21.4	1,282	1,521	18.6	1,301	1,614	24.1
Hellenic Open University	17,644	16,941	-4.0	7,799	7,605	-2.5	9,845	9,336	-5.2
Technical University of Crete	5,196	5,740	10.5	3,545	3,892	9.8	1,651	1,848	11.9
National Technical University of Athens	12,823	12,650	-1.3	8,567	8,609	0.5	4,256	4,041	-5.1

Graph 1. Enrolled undergraduate students, by educational institution, end of academic years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018

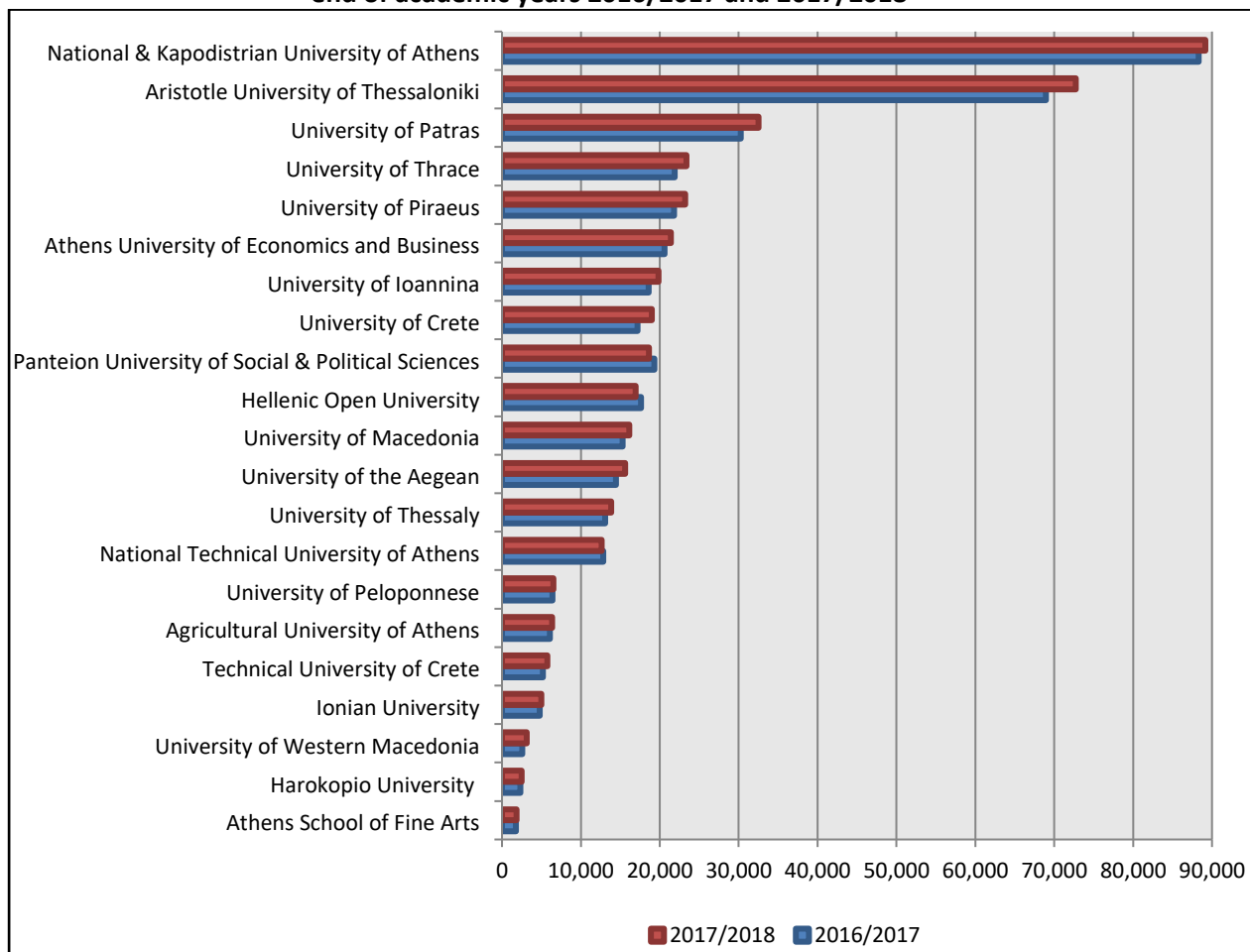


Table 2. Teaching staff by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	13,923	15,003	7.8	9,155	9,674	5.7	4,768	5,329	11.8
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	2,061	2,065	0.2	1,233	1,240	0.6	828	825	-0.4
University of the Aegean	439	491	11.8	296	331	11.8	143	160	11.9
University of Thessaly	730	755	3.4	471	495	5.1	259	260	0.4
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	2,493	2,575	3.3	1,588	1,618	1.9	905	957	5.7
Democritus University of Thrace	744	765	2.8	511	522	2.2	233	243	4.3
Ionian University	162	175	8.0	106	120	13.2	56	55	-1.8
University of Ioannina	630	642	1.9	437	441	0.9	193	201	4.1
University of Crete	596	640	7.4	397	425	7.1	199	215	8.0
University of Patras	920	916	-0.4	655	639	-2.4	265	277	4.5
Athens University of Economics and Business	274	278	1.5	198	195	-1.5	76	83	9.2
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	246	268	8.9	148	153	3.4	98	115	17.3
University of Piraeus	222	241	8.6	175	186	6.3	47	55	17.0
University of Macedonia	318	334	5.0	225	227	0.9	93	107	15.1
Agricultural University of Athens	248	253	2.0	162	164	1.2	86	89	3.5
Athens School of Fine Arts	47	70	48.9	31	39	25.8	16	31	93.8
Harokopio University	77	79	2.6	40	42	5.0	37	37	0.0
University of Peloponnese	210	232	10.5	117	138	17.9	93	94	1.1
University of Western Macedonia	131	167	27.5	81	94	16.0	50	73	46.0
Hellenic Open University ¹	2,088	2,735	31.0	1,328	1,645	23.9	760	1,090	43.4
International Hellenic University ²	224	201	-10.3	177	148	-16.4	47	53	12.8
Technical University of Crete	292	300	2.7	208	221	6.3	84	79	-6.0
National Technical University of Athens	771	821	6.5	571	591	3.5	200	230	15.0

¹ The staff of the Hellenic Open University includes a large number of part time short term contract teachers, apart from the permanent staff.

² In 2015/2016 only permanent teaching staff was included. In 2016/2017, apart from permanent teaching staff, visiting professors were also included at the International Hellenic University.

Table 3. Enrolled undergraduate students that graduated, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	33,380	33,430	0.1	12,843	12,621	-1.7	20,537	20,809	1.3
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	5,487	5,308	-3.3	1,649	1,555	-5.7	3,838	3,753	-2.2
University of the Aegean	1,264	1,273	0.7	444	433	-2.5	820	840	2.4
University of Thessaly	1,343	1,565	16.5	523	584	11.7	820	981	19.6
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	5,753	5,787	0.6	2,174	2,178	0.2	3,579	3,609	0.8
Democritus University of Thrace	2,374	2,576	8.5	960	944	-1.7	1,414	1,632	15.4
Ionian University	404	377	-6.7	143	116	-18.9	261	261	0.0
University of Ioannina	1,990	1,931	-3.0	589	612	3.9	1,401	1,319	-5.9
University of Crete	1,850	1,690	-8.6	588	503	-14.5	1,262	1,187	-5.9
University of Patras	2,864	2,870	0.2	1,259	1,272	1.0	1,605	1,598	-0.4
Athens University of Economics and Business	1,239	1,211	-2.3	631	606	-4.0	608	605	-0.5
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,446	1,173	-18.9	399	320	-19.8	1,047	853	-18.5
University of Piraeus	1,388	1,343	-3.2	733	690	-5.9	655	653	-0.3
University of Macedonia	1,176	1,297	10.3	478	481	0.6	698	816	16.9
Agricultural University of Athens	363	356	-1.9	162	146	-9.9	201	210	4.5
Athens School of Fine Arts	122	109	-10.7	49	31	-36.7	73	78	6.8
Harokopio University	182	165	-9.3	61	68	11.5	121	97	-19.8
University of Peloponnese	667	644	-3.4	226	235	4.0	441	409	-7.3
University of Western Macedonia	298	325	9.1	107	108	0.9	191	217	13.6
Hellenic Open University	1,513	1,744	15.3	626	669	6.9	887	1,075	21.2
Technical University of Crete	373	362	-2.9	210	222	5.7	163	140	-14.1
National Technical University of Athens	1,284	1,324	3.1	832	848	1.9	452	476	5.3

Table 4. Enrolled postgraduate students, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	66,295	71,313	7.6	26,110	27,893	6.8	40,185	43,420	8.1
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	13,302	13,185	-0.9	5,141	4,651	-9.5	8,161	8,534	4.6
University of the Aegean	1,761	1,794	1.9	760	726	-4.5	1,001	1,068	6.7
University of Thessaly	2,096	2,347	12.0	882	944	7.0	1,214	1,403	15.6
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	5,317	5,366	0.9	2,152	2,185	1.5	3,165	3,181	0.5
Democritus University of Thrace	3,247	3,202	-1.4	1,211	1,185	-2.1	2,036	2,017	-0.9
Ionian University	481	580	20.6	185	246	33.0	296	334	12.8
University of Ioannina	1,563	1,404	-10.2	628	534	-15.0	935	870	-7.0
University of Crete	1,404	1,739	23.9	587	661	12.6	817	1,078	31.9
University of Patras	1,926	1,943	0.9	861	897	4.2	1,065	1,046	-1.8
Athens University of Economics and Business	1,985	2,500	25.9	973	1,204	23.7	1,012	1,296	28.1
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,224	1,211	-1.1	515	544	5.6	709	667	-5.9
University of Piraeus	2,778	2,938	5.8	1,409	1,467	4.1	1,369	1,471	7.5
University of Macedonia	2,244	2,872	28.0	1,006	1,280	27.2	1,238	1,592	28.6
Agricultural University of Athens	247	391	58.3	97	140	44.3	150	251	67.3
Athens School of Fine Arts	183	130	-29.0	77	51	-33.8	106	79	-25.5
Harokopio University	721	763	5.8	311	331	6.4	410	432	5.4
University of Peloponnese	2,054	1,504	-26.8	476	570	19.7	1,578	934	-40.8
University of Western Macedonia	923	1,180	27.8	322	302	-6.2	601	878	46.1
Hellenic Open University	20,120	23,804	18.3	7,048	8,686	23.2	13,072	15,118	15.7
International Hellenic University	596	640	7.4	261	301	15.3	335	339	1.2
Technical University of Crete	467	491	5.1	244	266	9.0	223	225	0.9
National Technical University of Athens	1,656	1,329	-19.7	964	722	-25.1	692	607	-12.3

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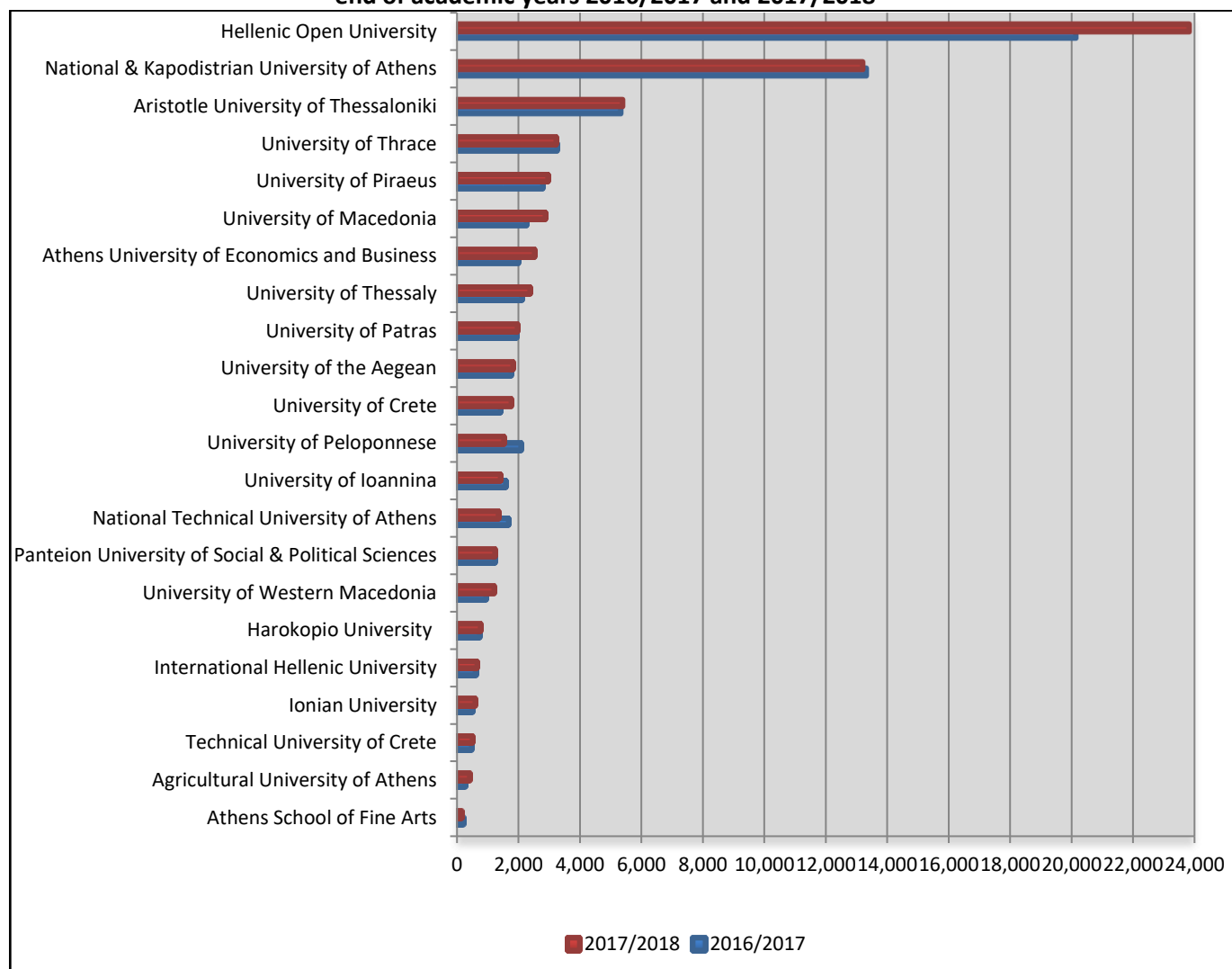


Table 5. Postgraduate students that graduated³, by gender and educational institution

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	15,292	18,373	20.1	6,199	7,089	14.4	9,093	11,284	24.1
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	2,631	3,442	30.8	968	1,166	20.5	1,663	2,276	36.9
University of the Aegean	582	677	16.3	254	242	-4.7	328	435	32.6
University of Thessaly	744	826	11.0	284	343	20.8	460	483	5.0
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	1,387	1,493	7.6	530	545	2.8	857	948	10.6
Democritus University of Thrace	741	770	3.9	285	308	8.1	456	462	1.3
Ionian University	124	166	33.9	50	72	44.0	74	94	27.0
University of Ioannina	304	313	3.0	85	103	21.2	219	210	-4.1
University of Crete	279	394	41.2	121	145	19.8	158	249	57.6
University of Patras	604	569	-5.8	250	229	-8.4	354	340	-4.0
Athens University of Economics and Business	1,108	1,037	-6.4	565	493	-12.7	543	544	0.2
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	526	411	-21.9	186	175	-5.9	340	236	-30.6
University of Piraeus	925	1,029	11.2	465	467	0.4	460	562	22.2
University of Macedonia	674	922	36.8	281	427	52.0	393	495	26.0
Agricultural University of Athens	106	128	20.8	42	53	26.2	64	75	17.2
Athens School of Fine Arts	7	61	771.4	1	27	2.600.0	6	34	466.7
Harokopio University	257	231	-10.1	100	85	-15.0	157	146	-7.0
University of Peloponnese	624	626	0.3	210	205	-2.4	414	421	1.7
University of Western Macedonia	348	244	-29.9	95	58	-38.9	253	186	-26.5
Hellenic Open University	2,346	4,066	73.3	918	1,449	57.8	1,428	2,617	83.3
International Hellenic University	285	317	11.2	137	129	-5.8	148	188	27.0
Technical University of Crete	133	137	3.0	72	64	-11.1	61	73	19.7
National Technical University of Athens	557	514	-7.7	300	304	1.3	257	210	-18.3

³ The fluctuations in the data of postgraduate students that graduated are due to the following reasons:

- The changing number of new entrants in postgraduate programmes year after year.
- The different duration of postgraduate studies (e.g. 1, 1.5, 2 years).
- Each postgraduate programme does not necessarily admit new entrants every single year.
- The reformulation of several postgraduate programmes motivates students that have been studying beyond the time limit of each programme, to speed up and graduate.

Table 6. Enrolled doctoral students⁴, by gender and educational institutions

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	28,682	29,221	1.9	15,066	14,949	-0.8	13,616	14,272	4.8
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens ⁵	8,433	9,140	8.4	4,181	4,369	4.5	4,252	4,771	12.2
University of the Aegean	798	746	-6.5	382	392	2.6	416	354	-14.9
University of Thessaly	1,309	1,368	4.5	652	672	3.1	657	696	5.9
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	4,680	4,481	-4.3	2,440	2,296	-5.9	2,240	2,185	-2.5
Democritus University of Thrace	1,824	1,772	-2.9	980	942	-3.9	844	830	-1.7
Ionian University	409	522	27.6	203	248	22.2	206	274	33.0
University of Ioannina	1,627	1,607	-1.2	748	774	3.5	879	833	-5.2
University of Crete	1,074	1,169	8.8	552	585	6.0	522	584	11.9
University of Patras	1,999	2,191	9.6	1,154	1,181	2.3	845	1,010	19.5
Athens University of Economics and Business	318	327	2.8	188	193	2.7	130	134	3.1
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	1,013	971	-4.1	493	462	-6.3	520	509	-2.1
University of Piraeus	381	381	0.0	239	246	2.9	142	135	-4.9
University of Macedonia	428	451	5.4	231	250	8.2	197	201	2.0
Agricultural University of Athens	159	242	52.2	54	88	63.0	105	154	46.7
Athens School of Fine Arts	47	46	-2.1	17	7	-58.8	30	39	30.0
Harokopio University	225	231	2.7	112	113	0.9	113	118	4.4
University of Peloponnese	447	544	21.7	206	237	15.0	241	307	27.4
University of Western Macedonia	189	209	10.6	93	108	16.1	96	101	5.2
Hellenic Open University	101	114	12.9	58	56	-3.4	43	58	34.9
International Hellenic University ⁶	11	10	-9.1	7	6	-14.3	4	4	0.0
Technical University of Crete	290	272	-6.2	193	169	-12.4	97	103	6.2
National Technical University of Athens	2,920	2,427	-16.9	1,883	1,555	-17.4	1,037	872	-15.9

⁴ Each year the number of new entrants to doctoral programmes varies.

⁵ The reason for the large decrease in the number of doctoral students at the University of Athens is that the department of Medicine erased from its records all doctoral students that had given up their studies.

⁶ Data for the Hellenic Open University are available for the first time in 2016/2017.

Table 7. Doctoral students that completed their studies, by gender and educational institutions

Universities	Total			Males			Females		
	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Change %
Total	1,877	1,558	-17.0	1,034	819	-20.8	843	739	-12.3
National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	484	446	-7.9	244	226	-7.4	240	220	-8.3
University of the Aegean	67	26	-61.2	37	15	-59.5	30	11	-63.3
University of Thessaly	106	88	-17.0	43	46	7.0	63	42	-33.3
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	363	268	-26.2	230	148	-35.7	133	120	-9.8
Democritus University of Thrace	99	82	-17.2	51	46	-9.8	48	36	-25.0
Ionian University	7	20	185.7	6	8	33.3	1	12	1.100.0
University of Ioannina	123	86	-30.1	61	42	-31.1	62	44	-29.0
University of Crete	75	100	33.3	44	50	13.6	31	50	61.3
University of Patras	159	137	-13.8	77	78	1.3	82	59	-28.0
Athens University of Economics and Business	28	21	-25.0	22	16	-27.3	6	5	-16.7
Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences	47	35	-25.5	25	13	-48.0	22	22	0.0
University of Piraeus	22	26	18.2	16	17	6.3	6	9	50.0
University of Macedonia	44	19	-56.8	33	10	-69.7	11	9	-18.2
Agricultural University of Athens	12	9	-25.0	1	1	0.0	11	8	-27.3
Athens School of Fine Arts	1	1	0.0	1	0	-100.0	0	1	-
Harokopio University	13	18	38.5	2	4	100.0	11	14	27.3
University of Peloponnese	20	29	45.0	11	17	54.5	9	12	33.3
University of Western Macedonia	10	7	-30.0	4	2	-50.0	6	5	-16.7
Hellenic Open University	8	6	-25.0	4	3	-25.0	4	3	-25.0
Technical University of Crete	0	1	-	0	1	-	0	0	-
National Technical University of Athens	17	21	23.5	10	12	20.0	7	9	28.6

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Tertiary Education (University Sector)	<p>Tertiary Education consists of two domains: i) University Sector including Universities, Polytechnic Schools, the Athens School of Fine Arts and ii) the Technological Sector including the Technological Educational Institutes (TEI), the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE), the Academies of Merchant Shipping, Ecclesiastical Academies, Schools of Service and Artistic Schools).</p> <p>The current survey refers to the University Sector and is conducted annually by all Member States of the European Union. The aim is to collect data on enrolled undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate students, undergraduate and postgraduate students that graduated, as well as the number of the teaching staff.</p>
Legal Frame	Regulations 452/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council and 912/2013 of the Commission.
Unit of Reference	Department of each University.
Coverage	Greece.
Results	Annually.
Reference Period	End of school years 2017/2018.
Methodology	Tertiary Education survey is annual and census and is conducted by all tertiary educational institutions of Greece, by the end of the school year.
References	More information, such as tables with the survey results, samples of questionnaires etc on the survey of Tertiary Education can be found on the web page of ELSTAT at the link www.statistics.gr Statistics / Population and Social Conditions / Education and Training / Tertiary Education.